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EXPRESS MAIL

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Re. SCP-Carlstadt Site

Dear Mr. Warren.

This letter serves to confirm the discussions at the meeting between EPA, NJDEP, members of the SCP-Carlstadt PAF Technical Committee ("the committee"), and representatives from Dames & Moore held on September 20, 1988 at EPA's Edison facility. The purpose of that meeting was to discuss the completion of the on-site Feasibility Study ("FS") for the above-referenced site ("the site").

During that meeting, the committee members expressed their belief that inadequate information exists to complete the FS. Specifically, the committee believes that studies to determine 1) the hydrogeologic connection between the till and bedrock aquifers, 2) the soil chemistry in the till, and 3) the hydrologic relationship, if any, which may exist between the shallow aquifer and Peach Island Creek are necessary to complete the FS and to develop, evaluate and design remedial alternatives for the site.

After initial discussions, the committee agreed to provide to EPA within two weeks (by no later than October 4, 1988) all proposals, including schedules, for any treatability or other studies that the committee believes are necessary. The committee would then provide detailed plans for these studies by no later than October 14. EPA indicated the committee should be sure to consider and include all studies which it believes are necessary to complete the FS in the October submittal. EPA clearly indicated that any proposals submitted after the initial submittal (October 4) will not be considered.

It was also agreed that this additional work would not delay current activities (the installation of the off-site wells and Bedrock investigation). The committee agreed that they would submit POP revisions 8 and 9 for the off-site wells and Bedrock aquifer investigation by no later than September 30, 1988.

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Because this additional work proposed by the committee may delay the completion of the FS and therefore the implementation of a final remedy, EPA believes that short-term source control measure(s) should be implemented. Any such interim action(s) would serve to reduce contaminant migration from the site. EPA and the committee are in agreement that any interim action contemplated should be consistent with the final remedy.

EPA proposed that the RI/FS Work Plan be revised to reflect any new studies and scheduling requirements, submittal deadlines, and the interim action. However, it should be noted that the proposals for additional studies will require further discussions and that EPA is not committed or obligated to approve the proposed studies. EPA anticipates that, when approved by EPA, the proposals to be submitted by October 14, 1988 will constitute amendments to the RI/FS Work Plan.

In addition, the meeting to discuss ARARs, scheduled for September 22, was cancelled and will be re-scheduled. Also, we discussed EPA's comments on the first two chapters of the FS, which were provided to you on September 1, 1988. EPA answered all of Dames & Moore's questions regarding these comments.

If you have any questions on this matter or if our understanding of the agreements reached at the meeting are inconsistent with your views concerning this matter please contact me or Janet Feldstein at (212) 264-2646.

Sincerely yours,

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